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LOST LOVE.

BY WALTER GAY.

I would like a man, sir,
I watched her smiles and tears;
I yielded to her every whim,
I smoothed her hair and kissed her
I kissed her hand and forehead,
I told her how I loved her,
That she was rich in beauty,
And full of noble power.
I lavished gifts, abundant gifts,
Drove her from my door,
Spoke my love with honeyed words,
What could she wish for more?

Yet she grew too vain and stubborn,
And said I was her slave—
That she could lead me by the nose,
And make me do as she pleased.
That but for her my cheek would fade,
My heart would break in twain;
My wit would be a weakened blade,
My spirit soon would flame.
That all my homage to herself,
Her purity and rank,
Were but deposits of my man
Should offer at her bank.
I warned her off, I chided soft,
I told her she was wrong;
She answered that "another swain"
Might fill my place ere long.
I gave her up, but with a sigh
I prayed she might return,
That evil clouds would pass her by
Without a single stain.

I went abroad, but not to die,
Nor yet to fade and grow;
One rainy day I tried to cry,
But could not even moan.
Indeed, I rather gazed in death,
And grew in stature, too;
My health was equal to the best,
I seldom felt a blue.
"So, after all," I said at last,
"My heart is still my own;
I shall not soon forget the past,
But grieving is unknown."
She does not own another swain—
But that's her fault, I know;
For, though she trifles all the time,
New suitors come and go.
I meet her now without a pang
Of malice or of pain;
I hate her not, but still she knows
I never can love again.

The Savings Bank Book.

FROM THE GERMAN.

[CONTINUED.]

I saw that this was merely an excuse;
but she consoled me to cheerfulness,
in my heart, but just as she said, to put
one thing against another. "Unquestionably,"
said she, "had some time or other done
something wrong which had not been found
out; perhaps it might have been a very little
thing, and now I must regard myself as being
punished in this way."

By the steps of the Finance Councilor's
door, which I had gone up and down in an-
guish, pain, and despair, I now seemed to
be filled with joy. Our innocence was
proved, and Katharine (I had found out the
secret) loved me.

One morning, at the urgent persuasion of
my comrade, I resolved to fetch away my
money from the savings bank, in order then
to try my luck in the wide world, and then
to marry Katharine.

The nearer I came to the house, the more
violently my heart beat. A chaffinck sat
upon the window-sill and sang merrily;
and, as people in my circumstances are
generally supposed to be superstitious, I
thought I would make this bird a sign to
myself, and said, "If the bird continues to
sing till I enter the door, then I may go
boldly in and all will succeed. If it does
not, and leaves away, then it is a sign
that I shall get into trouble; then I must
turn back, burn my book, and do nothing."

As I approached the house, the bird really
left off singing and flew away. "Ah, what
will my superstitious! How can I go on
so much stress on such nonsense? I'll do
it now, and in sheer defiance. Now for it!
I must succeed, and it will succeed!"

I entered the room. Finance Councilor
Menninger was standing at a table counting
out of money which were being paid in.
While another gentleman entered the
sums into a ledger. For the first moment
I felt shocked to see that Mr. Menninger
was there; but again I was glad—glad that
I had to transact my business with the very
man who had so greatly insulted and in-
jured me.

I stood quietly waiting for my turn; cold
perspiration covered my whole body, and
my hands were so clammy that my little
book seemed to cling to them.

At length my turn came. I handed in my
book without a word. The Finance Councilor
rushed up his spectacles from his eye to
his brow, and looked into the book for a
minute. All was still as death, the only au-
dible sound being the measured movement
of the pendulum on the wall. My heart
beat violently.

"You have made good savings," said the
Finance Councilor, at length opening the
flap of the counter; "come in here."

I followed him into an inner room. Here
stood an iron safe, which he unlocked.

"Will you have paper or coin?" asked he.
"Paper," said I.

"Large or small?"

"Small."

He handed me a packet, inclosed in a
printed band, on which were the words
"One hundred dollars." He desired me to
count them while he gave me the remain-
der. I could not pay the separate dollars
together, because I had counted them so
carefully, and when turning round he asked, "Is it
right?" I nodded without a word. He now
laid before me the remaining odd dollars,
when, again drawing down his spectacles to
his eyes, he suddenly asked—

"Are not you the journeyman locksmith
who was at my house last Christmas?"

"Yes," I replied.

"I am glad of that; I am glad to meet
you. I have often reproached myself that
I had not asked your forgiveness for the sus-
picion I then cast upon you, and which must
have been so painful to you at the time.
But the fact was that I delayed it so long I
persuaded myself that you were no longer
in the town. I beg you, now, however, to
receive my apology, and if I can in any way
be serviceable to you, I shall be glad. I
have done you an injustice, and you will do
me a favor if you will allow me to know
what I am doing."

"Ah! who can express the crowd of emo-
tions which oppress the heart at a moment
like this? There I stood, and held the
money convulsively in my hand. Never before
in my life had I so much between my
fingers; and before me on the table lay a
little heap of coins, one upon another—and
all was mine! A something within me
would have rejoiced, but another something
seemed to smother all out of my hand, and to
take also my soul with it. The fact that
the very man whom I hated and for whom
I was ready to do an injustice to all men—
that he should meet me with kindness and
show a desire to oblige me—that he
should humble himself, and make an ac-
knowledgment to me, quite overcame me.
When I had excited myself to hatred, and
had committed myself to sin! I was re-
deemed, and I was saved! For then I saw
my depravity. A superior power had taken me
captive, and carried me in triumph before
the judgment seat of the Eternal!

"I fell down on my knees, and exclaimed,
"No; no! I am a wicked man! Take, take
the money!"

I related the truth.

THE FINANCE COUNCILOR.

The Finance Councilor was a true and
earnest comforter. He saw my condition,
and raised me from the abyss of self-con-
demnation by his kindness and sympathy.
In one particular I had a hard struggle with
him. He insisted upon giving my tempter
to the justice of the law; the consideration,
however, that thus I should inevitably be
brought into trouble, determined him to
abstain from so doing. Before leaving the
savings bank my book was turned.
My fellow-journeyman was sent back to
his native town with a compulsory passport,
and my betrothal with Katharine took place
in the house of the Councilor of Finance,
who had remained this day a true friend
to me. It is by his means that I have been
able to settle here; and the reason why my
little Theobald has such an elegant name,
is that the Councilor of Finance is his god-
father.

A TERRIBLE SITUATION.—In a new melo-
drama recently got up, a famous robbery is
taken, and his head exhibited to the audi-
ence, by being placed in a table in the
center of the stage. To accomplish this to
the life, the robber's body is fixed in the body
of the table, and his neck is fitted into a hole
in the table, so that, to the audience, it looks precisely
as though a man's head had been cut off and
stood up in a pool of his own blood upon the
table. On the fifth night of the exhibition a
gentleman got into the third tier of the stage
boxes, and by some unexplained maneuver
managed to blow a lot of Scotch snuff over
the stage just at the time the head was upon
the table. As soon as the snuff had begun
to settle down the head commenced moving,
to the no small amusement of the audience,
and, as the snuff could not be stopped,
the curtain fell amid roars of laughter. The
lucky boys were never before so pleased
at any spectacle.—New York Sun.

A correspondent of the St. Louis Demo-
crat, who was on board one of the gunboats,
which ascended the Tennessee River to Ala-
bama, writes:

But few negroes are found in the country,
most of them having been run off upon our
approach. Those who have remained re-
fused to accept of our interest in regard to
every thing connected with the army and the
North. The first person met by the officer
of the gunboat, who had been sent to the
North, was a man of color, who had been
struck, was one of these contrabands.
With mingled joy and condescension,
imprinted upon his countenance, and
with uplifted arms he exclaimed, "Afore
God, I am Massa Lincoln coming on that boat!"

SINGER'S

SEWING MACHINES.

WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT IN

Cincinnati and throughout the West a number

of Counterfeit Sewing Machines

have been put out in the public. The general

impression has been that these machines are

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